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In The Matter Of:

Sandra Schumacher vs. C.R. Bard (200)

Brian Flynn, M.D.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON DIVISION

IN RE: C.R. BARD, INC., MDL NO. 2187
PELVIC REPAIR SYSTEM PRODUCTS
LIABILITY LITIGATION

DEPOSITION OF: BRIAN J. FLYNN, M.D. - October 30, 2014

SANDRA SUE SCHUMACHER, Case No. 2:13-cv-27023

Plaintiff,

v.

C.R. BARD, INC.,

Defendant.

PURSUANT TO NOTICE, the deposition of BRIAN J. FLYNN, M.D., was taken on behalf of the Defendant at 12631 East 17th Avenue, Room L15-5500, Aurora, Colorado 80045, on October 30, 2014, at 7:16 a.m., before Kirsten M. Thorngate, Registered Professional Reporter and Notary Public within Colorado.

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 2</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 A P P E A R A N C E S</p> <p>3</p> <p>4 For the Plaintiff:</p> <p>5 MARY LIU, ESQ.</p> <p>6 Aylstock, Witkin, Kreis & Overholtz, PLLC</p> <p>7 248 3rd Street</p> <p>8 Suite 715</p> <p>9 Oakland, California 94607</p> <p>10</p> <p>11 For the Defendant:</p> <p>12 ERIC BUHR, ESQ.</p> <p>13 Reed Smith LLP</p> <p>14 355 South Grand Avenue</p> <p>15 Suite 2900</p> <p>16 Los Angeles, California 90071-1514</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 4</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were</p> <p>3 taken pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil</p> <p>4 Procedure.</p> <p>5 * * * * *</p> <p>6 BRIAN J. FLYNN, M.D.,</p> <p>7 having been first duly sworn to state the whole truth,</p> <p>8 testified as follows:</p> <p>9 EXAMINATION</p> <p>10 BY MR. BUHR:</p> <p>11 Q. Good morning, Doctor. We met briefly</p> <p>12 before the deposition, but for the record, my name is</p> <p>13 Eric Buhr. I represent C.R. Bard in this case. We've</p> <p>14 never met before today, correct?</p> <p>15 A. We have not.</p> <p>16 Q. Have you met with attorneys for</p> <p>17 plaintiffs prior to this deposition?</p> <p>18 A. No.</p> <p>19 Q. And do you understand that your</p> <p>20 deposition is being taken today in your capacity as a</p> <p>21 treating physician of Ms. Schumacher?</p> <p>22 A. I do.</p> <p>23 Q. And have you had your deposition taken</p> <p>24 before?</p> <p>25 A. Many times.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 3</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 I N D E X</p> <p>3 EXAMINATION OF BRIAN J. FLYNN, M.D.: PAGE</p> <p>4 October 30, 2014</p> <p>5 By Mr. Buhr 4, 138</p> <p>6 By Ms. Liu 81, 143</p> <p>7 INITIAL</p> <p>8 DEPOSITION EXHIBITS: REFERENCE</p> <p>9 Exhibit #1 Testimonial history 8</p> <p>10 Exhibit #2 Curriculum vitae of Flynn 8</p> <p>11 Exhibit #3 Deposition notice 15</p> <p>12 Exhibit #4 Copy of Flynn's file records 17</p> <p>13 Exhibit #5 Flynn chart notes 17</p> <p>14 Exhibit #6 Article, "Surgical management of lower 82</p> <p>15 urinary mesh perforation after</p> <p>16 mid-urethral polypropylene mesh sling:</p> <p>17 mesh excision, urinary tract</p> <p>18 reconstruction and concomitant</p> <p>19 pubovaginal sling with autologous</p> <p>20 rectus fascia"</p> <p>21 Exhibit #7 Pathology report, 8/13/14 105</p> <p>22 Exhibit #8 Telephone and Correspondence 109</p> <p>23 Encounter, 9/10/14</p> <p>24 Exhibit #9 Office visit, 5/22/08 130</p> <p>25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 5</p> <p>1 Q. Do you have any estimate as to how many</p> <p>2 times?</p> <p>3 A. Since 2009, let's see. 12 times since</p> <p>4 2009.</p> <p>5 Q. And do you recall if that was in the</p> <p>6 capacity as a treating physician or as an expert</p> <p>7 witness?</p> <p>8 A. It looks like about 70 percent as a</p> <p>9 treating physician. Five times as an expert.</p> <p>10 Q. Have you ever testified at trial?</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. About how many times?</p> <p>13 A. Twice.</p> <p>14 Q. What types of cases were those?</p> <p>15 A. One was a case involving a plaintiff</p> <p>16 against a gynecologist for a ureteral injury during</p> <p>17 hysterectomy. That was in August of 2013. And then</p> <p>18 there was a case in October of 2012 against a</p> <p>19 gynecologist for a similar matter, for a ureteral</p> <p>20 injury during hysterectomy.</p> <p>21 Q. And those two cases where you testified</p> <p>22 at trial, were you testifying as an expert or as a</p> <p>23 treating physician?</p> <p>24 A. Both times as a treating physician. I</p> <p>25 had managed the ureteral injury from the plaintiff who</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 138</p> <p>1 asked him to call me if that happened. But I never 2 heard anything, so I would assume that nothing 3 happened. 4 MS. LIU: Okay. I believe that's all I 5 have right now. 6 MR. BUHR: I just have a few very quick 7 follow-ups, and then I think we can be done. 8 EXAMINATION 9 BY MR. BUHR: 10 Q. You mentioned before type I mesh. I know 11 you're not intimately familiar with the Avaulta or the 12 Align products, but do you know whether they are 13 considered type I mesh? 14 MS. LIU: Objection. 15 A. My understanding is that all of the 16 products that are available on the market since, say, 17 2004 with respect to polypropylene or type I products, 18 whether they're slings or prolapse kits or abdominal 19 sacrocolpopexy meshes. 20 Q. (BY MR. BUHR) You mentioned during 21 counsel's questioning that the -- you felt the 22 anterior Avaulta mesh was a little bit more 23 superficial than you would expect? 24 A. That's correct. 25 Q. But you can't tell whether it was placed</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 140</p> <p>1 the mesh -- it's connected to tissue that's in the 2 body when you remove it -- isn't there going to be 3 somewhat of a change in dimensions when you remove it 4 from those other forces in the body? 5 MS. LIU: Objection. 6 A. There might be some small changes, but 7 for the most part, it looks very similar to what it 8 looked like when it was inside the body. 9 Q. (BY MR. BUHR) Have you ever read any 10 studies suggesting that to get an accurate view of any 11 type of contracture of the mesh, there needs to be 12 some type of CT scan or other scan while it's 13 implanted in the body to get a true measurement? 14 MS. LIU: Objection. 15 A. I don't think CT is helpful. Vaginal 16 ultrasound has been shown to be promising for mesh, 17 but CT scan, MRI, plain X-ray generally does not image 18 mesh. 19 Q. (BY MR. BUHR) Would you agree that some 20 type of imaging while it's in the body would lead to a 21 more accurate view of the mesh rather than a pathology 22 report after it's explanted? 23 MS. LIU: Objection. 24 A. No. I wouldn't agree with that. 25 Q. (BY MR. BUHR) We talked a little bit</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 139</p> <p>1 there initially or whether it migrated there; is that 2 right? 3 A. That's right. 4 MS. LIU: Objection. 5 Q. (BY MR. BUHR) And you answered a number 6 of questions about the pathology report. Just for the 7 record, you're not a pathologist or an expert in 8 pathology, correct? 9 MS. LIU: Objection. 10 A. Correct. 11 Q. (BY MR. BUHR) In terms of some of the 12 admonitions that we went through that were listed on 13 the pathology report, that doesn't necessarily reflect 14 the admonitions while the product was implanted; is 15 that right? 16 MS. LIU: Objection. 17 A. It doesn't reflect the entire time, but I 18 think it does reflect what it looked like when it was 19 removed. 20 So there's an encapsulated product 21 essentially, and we open up the capsule and take the 22 product out. So that thickness was what was inside 23 her body the day she had surgery. 24 Q. (BY MR. BUHR) So even though while the 25 product is implanted it's connected to other parts of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 141</p> <p>1 about the pain that Ms. Schumacher was experiencing, 2 both the dyspareunia and, again, pelvic pain. Did you 3 consider any other potential causes of that pain? 4 MS. LIU: Objection. 5 A. Yes. I consider all possible causes. 6 Q. (BY MR. BUHR) What other potential 7 causes were there for her pelvic pain? 8 MS. LIU: Objection. 9 A. Were there or could there be? 10 Q. (BY MR. BUHR) Well, let's start with 11 could there be. 12 A. Could there be. Could be vaginal 13 infection, vaginal atrophy. There are patients with 14 pelvic pain that's idiopathic, you know, that's 15 unrelated to any specific etiology. Pelvic floor 16 muscle spasm. 17 But ordinarily when I see someone that 18 has a foreign body and it's painful over the foreign 19 body, then that's usually the cause. 20 Most of the patients when they are 21 referred to me have been worked up pretty extensively 22 and managed locally and have exhausted simpler 23 measures before they would end up seeing me. 24 Q. Can, I guess, hysterectomy cause pelvic 25 pain?</p>